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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 41-59-35, 41-23-39 AND 41-60-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CHANGE REFERENCES FROM EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-INTERMEDIATE TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-ADVANCED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 41-59-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-59-35. (1) An emergency medical technician certificate so issued shall be valid for a period not exceeding two (2) years from the date of issuance and may be renewed upon payment of a renewal fee to be fixed by the board, which shall be paid to the board, provided that the holder meets the qualifications set forth in this Chapter 59 and Chapter 60 and rules and regulations promulgated by the board. Any increase in the fee charged by the board under this subsection shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section 41-3-65.

- (2) The board is authorized to suspend or revoke a certificate so issued at any time it is determined that the holder no longer meets the prescribed qualifications.
- It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation or association to, in any manner, represent himself, herself or itself as an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Emergency Medical Technician- * * * Advanced, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Critical Care, or Emergency Medical Services Driver, or use in connection with his or its name the words or letters of EMT, emt, paramedic, critical care paramedic, or any other letters, words, abbreviations or insignia which would indicate or imply that he, she or it is an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Emergency Medical Technician- * * * Advanced, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Critical Care, or Emergency Medical Services Driver, unless certified in accordance with Chapters 59 and 60 of this title and in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the board; or a person who has a privilege to practice under the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact. It shall be unlawful to employ an uncertified Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Emergency Medical Technician- * * * Advanced, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic, or Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Critical Care to provide basic or advanced life-support services.

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- (4) Any Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Emergency Medical Technician- * * * Advanced, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Technician-Paramedic Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Critical Care, or Emergency Medical Services Driver who violates or fails to comply with these statutes or the rules and regulations promulgated by the board * * * these statutes shall be subject, after due notice and hearing, to an administrative fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).
- **SECTION 2.** Section 41-23-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
- 41-23-39. The following terms when used in Sections 41-23-39 and 41-23-41 shall have the following meanings * * * ascribed $\underline{\text{in}}$ this section:
- (a) "Emergency medical technician" means a person licensed * * * under Section 41-59-1 et seq. * * * to provide emergency medical services as an emergency medical technician-ambulance, emergency medical technician- * * * advanced, emergency medical technician-paramedic, or emergency medical technician-nurse-paramedic.
- (b) "Fire department" means service groups (paid or volunteer) that are organized and trained for the prevention and control of loss of life and property from fire and/or other emergencies.
- (c) "Firefighter" means an individual who is assigned to fire fighting activity and is required to respond to alarms and

perform emergency actions at the location of a fire, hazardous materials or other emergency incident.

- (d) "Infectious disease" means any condition as listed or determined by the State Department of Health that may be transmitted by an infected person.
- (e) "Licensed facility" means hospital, nursing home, medical clinic or dialysis center, as licensed by the state to provide medical care, but shall not include a physician's office.
- (f) "Bystanding caregiver" means any person who is unlicensed or noncertified in providing medical services or emergency medical services, who provides care or services to an injured person at the scene of an emergency before the arrival and rendering of emergency medical services by a licensed or certified emergency medical services provider.
- **SECTION 3.** Section 41-60-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
- 41-60-11. As used in Sections 41-59-29 through 41-59-37 and Sections 41-60-11 and 41-60-13, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:
- (a) "Advanced life support" * * * means a sophisticated level of prehospital and interhospital emergency care which includes basic life-support functions including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), plus cardiac monitoring, cardiac defibrillation, telemetered electrocardiography, administration of antiarrhythmic agents, intravenous therapy, administration of

specific medications, drugs and solutions, use of adjunctive ventilation devices, trauma care and other authorized techniques and procedures.

- (b) "Advanced life-support personnel" * * * means persons other than physicians engaged in the provision of advanced life support, as defined and regulated by rules and regulations promulgated by the board.
- (c) "Emergency medical technician- * * *

 advanced" * * * means a person specially trained in advanced

 life-support modules, numbers I, II and III as developed for the

 United States Department of Transportation under Contract No.

 DOT-HS-900-089, as authorized by the Mississippi State Board of

 Health.
- (d) "Emergency medical technician-paramedic" * * * means a person specially trained in an advanced life-support training program authorized by the Mississippi State Board of Health.
- (e) "Emergency medical technician-paramedic critical care" * * * means a person who (i) is licensed as a Mississippi Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic, and (ii) has successfully completed a critical care paramedic program recognized by the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and the Mississippi State Department of Health.
- (f) "Medical control" * * * means directions and advice provided from a centrally designated medical facility staffed by

appropriate personnel, operating under medical supervision, supplying professional support through radio or telephonic communication for on-site and in-transit basic and advanced life-support services given by field and satellite facility personnel.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2018.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 1, 2018

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PASSED BY THE SENATE

March 16, 2018

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR

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